


proposed combination of Burr, Koyama and the alleged APA. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing remarks.

CONCLUSION

Having responded to all rejections set forth in the outstanding non-Final Office Action, it is submitted that claims 1-9 and 28-38 are now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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